

*Bills would help veterans receive government contracts*

Washington, DC - Congressman John Adler, a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, announced new legislation that would increase opportunities available to veteran owned small businesses. Congressman Adler introduced the legislation this week, which would help veterans obtain contracts and subcontracts from the Department of Veterans Affairs and all federal agencies.

"Veteran owned small businesses have an important role to play in our economic recovery, contributing to the nation's economy each year with new jobs and new ideas," Congressman Adler said. "In this tough economy, this entrepreneurial spirit should be rewarded and protected. These bills will help ensure that veteran small businesses continue to strive for another generation."

The "Success after Service Act" and the "Veteran Small Business Opportunities Act," will increase the opportunities that are available to Veteran Owned Small Businesses (VOSB) and Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB) in obtaining contracts and subcontracts from the Department of Veterans Affairs particularly and all federal agencies.

The "Success after Service Act," seeks to empower veteran small business owners by including set asides in the Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The second piece of legislation, the "Veteran Small Business Opportunities Act," seeks to empower veteran small business owners by including set asides in the Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) for all federal agencies. A set aside is an agency goal to set a percentage of annual contracts for qualified veteran owned businesses. The legislation seeks to make the set asides a part of the FSS and thereby increase the opportunities for VOSBs and SDVOSBs.

Congressman Adler's district includes Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and is home to over 66,000 veterans. He is the only member of the New Jersey delegation to serve on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.